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UPCOMING events

Youth Services Chat: 4/20/2022

Chat about all things Youth Services, from new storytime favorites to supplies for cleaning toys.

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Practical Classification with the Dewey Decimal Classification 4/20/2022

Explore how trainers can use compelling and memorable narratives to increase information retention and learner engagement.

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April Data Chat: 4/21/2022

Improve your Excel expertise; bring any questions, resources, or Excel projects to show off.

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Meditation in the 21st Century- Why Meditation Matters Even More 4/27/2022

Experience the positive effects of meditation by learning a simple technique that can help in all aspects of your life.

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The Whole Book Approach Workshop: 4/27/2022

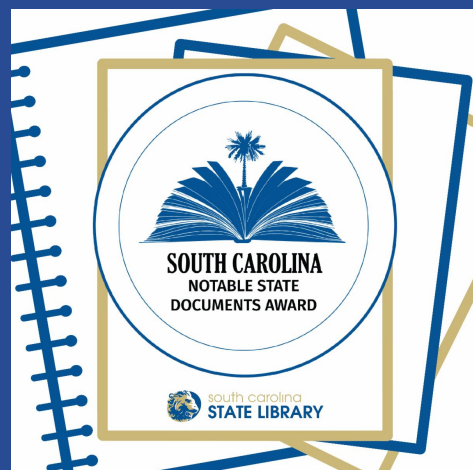
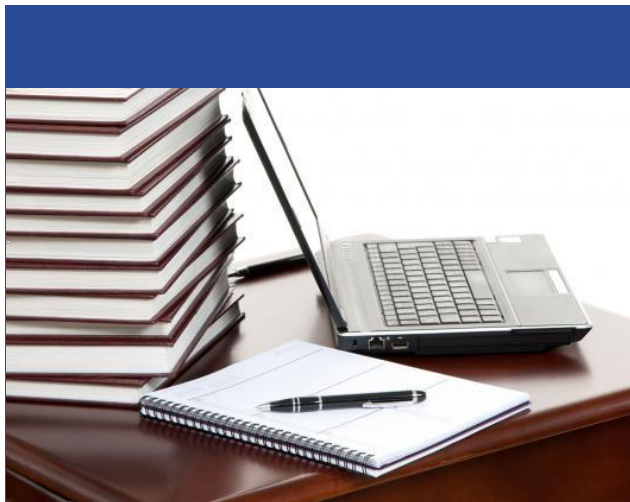
Discover the difference between reading to children and reading with children by creating an active, discussion-based reading experience that builds observation and critical-thinking skills.

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Read-In Recap

After a three-year hiatus, it was invigorating to welcome students back to our building for a parade to the State House. Roughly 500 students and teachers joined us in person on April 7 to celebrate reading. For the first time in the Read-In's 27 year history, several thousand students participated online. If you missed this year's event, you can watch the virtual program [on our YouTube channel](#). Special thanks to South Carolina First Steps, the South Carolina Association of School Librarians, and Cocky's Reading Express for their help in making Read-In 2022 a success.



Creating a Winning Proposal

Private foundations, corporations, and other funders can provide grants for nonprofit organizations and their programs and projects. But once you find a funder, how do you apply? We'll cover the basics of writing a proposal to fund your project. What are the key components of a proposal? What do funders want to know about your project? [Register for this webinar](#) to learn the basics of writing a proposal that will earn a grant, and what to do after you win a grant.

The Best of the Best

Each year is more enjoyable as we honor the [Notable State Documents Award](#) winners. Wednesday's virtual ceremony brought staff from twelve state agencies together to celebrate the best of state agency publications. These documents play a pivotal role in educating South Carolina citizens about their state and government. We are already [accepting nominations](#) for the 2022 Notable State Documents Award and look forward to receiving entries throughout the rest of this year.

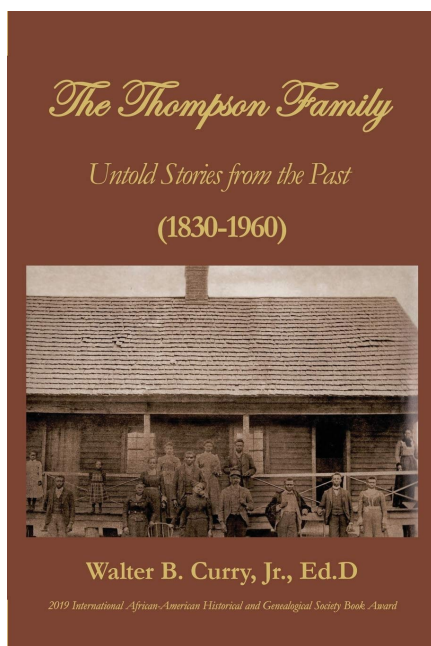
Rolling into the Future

The [Florence County Library](#) found a unique way to spend Library Outreach Day during National Library Week. State Library Director Leesa Aiken joined Florence County Library Director Alan Smith in welcoming children's author Will Hillenbrand to help cut the ribbon on its new Children's Bookmobile. Hillenbrand's artwork appears on the bookmobile's exterior. The new state-of-the-art bookmobile includes wireless connectivity, a retractable awning for rainy weather, and a wheelchair lift to ensure greater accessibility. Support for this project was made possible with American Rescue Plan Act funds by a Library Services and Technology Act grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, administered by the South Carolina State Library.



Genealogy Research Seminars

Next month we kick off a monthly series on African American genealogy. Each session features a different topic to help South Carolinians trace their family history. On Wednesday, May 4, author Dr. Walter Curry, Jr. hosts ["Writing Family History- The Narrative Inquiry Approach."](#) and details how to use stories and accounts to analyze a family's history. Archivist Steven D. Tuttle hosts ["Sources for African American Genealogical Research at the SC Department of Archives and History"](#) on June 8. Beginners will find the [session on July 6 with Genealogist Robin R. Foster](#) helpful as she explores websites, Facebook groups, and genealogy-related documents. The series continues into the fall, join us!





New Resources

Two new literature resources are available on [Discus-South Carolina's Virtual Library](#). *Drama for Students* helps users understand the most-studied plays and includes discussions of themes, characters, critical overviews, plots, and historical context. *Novels for Students*, a guide to understanding novels from various cultures and periods, includes discussions of plot, characters, themes, and critical overviews. This resource also reviews a work's cultural and historical significance. Both resources can assist middle school students through adults and provide suggested readings on similar themes and topics and classroom aides. Find them throughout Discus on the [A-Z Resources](#), Middle and High School grade level pages, and on the new [eBook Subject](#) page.



Get to Know Discus

This [Discus training calendar](#) is your place to find webinars to make the most out of [Discus- South Carolina's Virtual Library](#). Check out these featured training opportunities.

- April 19, 2:30 p.m.- [Support Your 'Tweens with WAK-I for Learning Fun](#): from interactives to puzzles, games, and printables, explore all that World Almanac for Kids - Intermediate (WAK-I) offers.
- April 28, 2:00 p.m.- [Enhance Research with the New Novels for Students Series](#): discover how Gale eBook collections support literary analysis, and explore using the student-friendly features to meet curriculum research standards.



A Priceless Honor

DHEC Director Dr. Edward Simmer presented appreciation coins to State Library Director Leesa Aiken and Collections and Services Director Virginia Pierce. Aiken and Pierce were instrumental in helping DHEC find information about an old gravesite behind one of its State Park buildings. The goal is to create a historical plaque honoring the site and those buried there. DHEC's appreciation coins recognize the great work of employees and partners across the state who address the health and safety of South Carolina residents, improve the environment in which we live, and work for the betterment of DHEC.

Premier Collaboration

A citizen contacted us, hoping we could help her find more information about the artist who painted a portrait of her deceased mother-in-law. This patron had a photo of the painting that

included the artist's signature. After searching our collection, our reference librarian contacted the South Carolina State Museum, staff. Familiar with the artists' work and signature, SCSM staff identified the artist as Katherine Clark. Clark, a Latvian artist who studied at the University of South Carolina, died in 1991 and is buried in West Columbia. The South Carolina State Museum's [Object Information Request form](#) can help South Carolinians who hope to learn more about unique heirlooms.



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